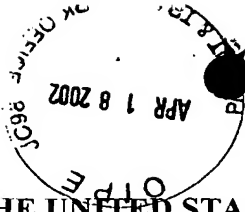


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Serial No.: 10/050,600

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For: MULTIPLEXING METHOD AND APPARATUS, DEMULTIPLEXING METHOD
AND APPARATUS, AND ACCESS NETWORK SYSTEM

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SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated February 19, 2002 (copy enclosed), submitted herewith is the signed declaration for the above-identified patent application, along with our check in the amount of \$1,792 to cover the \$740 application filing fee, \$882 for Excess Claims fee, the \$130 surcharge for the late filing of the declaration, and \$40 for the assignment recordation fee.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Multiplexing Method and Apparatus, Demultiplexing Method and Apparatus, and Access Network System

the specification of which:
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 (is attached hereto)
X was filed on January 18, 2002
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56*

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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<u>12997/2001</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>22/1/2001</u>	<u>X</u>	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	yes	no
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u> </u> (Application Serial No.)	<u> </u> (Filing Date)	<u> </u> (Status: patented, pending, abandoned)
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